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MORE EXPOSURES AT TRENTON

PRACTICAL WORKINGS OF DEMOCRATIC RULE IN NEW-JERSEY.

CONTRACTORS AND BOOKKEEPERS TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE INVESTIGATORS—MISSING STUBS, RECORDS AND PLANS—THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER "ARCHITECT"

TELLS HIS STORY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Trenton, March 18.—The Voorhees investigating committee at 10 o'clock this afternoon. The probe was sunk deeper into the methods of the old Democratic ring of corruptionists. The committee continued going "higher up" until the name of ex-Governor Leon Abbott was handled in no uncertain way. Such other Democratic lights as ex-Assemblyman James Moylan, of Hudson County, who was the "architect" in charge of the building of the new Assembly chamber in 1892; ex-Assemblyman James W. Lanning, who secured the "contract" for building the Assembly chamber, and Major Michael Hurley, who supplied all the coal used at the State House during the Ford régime and had a finger in the Assembly chamber affair, were also dragged before the public.

The committee began business promptly at 10 o'clock. Mr. Corbin, the counsel, recalled Mullins & Co.'s former bookkeeper, Eugene Murphy, to the witness stand. Before examining Mr. Murphy, Mr. Corbin informed the committee that he desired to call attention to several checks of Mullins & Co. besides the four missing. He then mentioned several checks drawn by John Mullins & Co. to the order of "Self," "Cash," and "Mullins & Co.," aggregating in all \$5,597. On the stubs of some of these checks was the name "Ford," and on others were the letters "F.," "B.," "P.," "O.," and the like, and by comparisons with bills paid Mullins & Co. about the time when these checks were paid Mr. Corbin found that the aggregate amount showed almost exactly 10 per cent. of the sums Mullins & Co. received from the State. He called attention to numerous other checks made out to "John Mullins," "John Edlestein," and "Cash," aggregating about \$4,000, which, he said, had been drawn and cashed, but with that the record of them ended.

Mr. Corbin asked Murphy if he had examined the personal ledgers of Mullins & Co., over the production of which Mr. Mullins narrowly escaped going to jail, and, receiving an affirmative answer, Mr. Corbin inquired if the checks he had just mentioned had been charged to any one. The witness said they had not, but the money had been drawn from the ledger, as mentioned by Mr. Corbin.

"There is a missing book the committee ordered brought here," said Mr. Corbin.

"Here it is," said Mr. Mullins, and he produced the book.

"I desire to use this book," said Mr. Corbin, "for one purpose only, to show that accounts are marked transferred to the mutilated book, and not to this one. The first entry here was made March 14, 1894. This was after the mutilation of the books."

COAL BILLS FOR THE CAPITOL.

Mr. Corbin continued as follows:

The cost of supplying the State House with fuel has been a somewhat expensive job, and I have prepared a statement of the cost of fuel for the years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 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